

"POPGUN TARIFF" BILL HERE AGAIN, LAWRENCE SAYS

Says Republicans Planning to Bombard White House With Measures They Know Will Be Vetoed.

By DAVID LAWRENCE, (Special Correspondent of The News Scimitar.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The days of the "popgun" tariff bill are here again, but this time the Republicans instead of the Democrats are planning to bombard the White House with tariff measures they know will be vetoed.

Unquestionably there is a clamor for tariff revision, and it comes from all sections of the country, where economic theory and economic fact are at odds, and the producers feel that a tariff will help them against foreign competition.

But the Republican party which controls both houses of congress, has always been the party of tariff protection, and it has been impossible to answer the demand for tariff legislation by simply saying President Wilson would not permit tariff proposals to become law. So the Republicans have about decided to square themselves with their constituents and demonstrate that the White House is the real obstacle.

"Okeh" Would Be Shock.

Some of the tariff measures being proposed have been so hastily considered that if President Wilson signs some of them, there would be a shock on Capitol Hill that would be heard around the country. For the Republicans frankly do not expect Mr. Wilson to sign any of the measures any more than the Democrats expected Mr. Taft to approve them in the fall of 1913, when the Democrats had obtained possession of the house and began to fire "popgun" tariff bills at Mr. Taft with tariff duties reduced to some workable minimum. Instead it is interesting to recall that when the Democrats obtained full possession in 1913 of all branches of the government, including the executive, they did not offer the same set of tariff bills upon which Mr. Taft's veto, and an entirely new set, much more carefully considered and carrying a higher scale of duties.

Lobbyists Absent.

Another interesting sidelight on really have sponsored most of the protective measures in recent years do not regard the present tariff discussion seriously. Their lobbyists aren't even on the job. The truth is the Republicans had a genuine understanding that nothing would be accomplished in the present session of congress, and a notification to that effect was conveyed to all the interested parties. However, the farmers came to Washington, and through their numerous organizations started the present tariff agitation in the hope that something immediate might be done. It is the financial crisis in the agricultural world. Manufacturing interests of the East are not a bit pleased over the invasion by the farmers and secretly hope the whole tariff effort will be blocked at this session of congress.

Inconsistency Shown.

It is pointed out for instance, by manufacturers who don't want the kind of tariff proposed, that the farmers are inconsistent in demanding the revival of the War Finance corporation to finance the export of farm products while at the same time they would impose a tariff amounting to an embargo on the importation of farm products.

It is insisted that by reciprocity alone can foreign trade be stimulated and that the rates of exchange will not improve until America manifests more of a give and take spirit in making tariff duties.

The whole question of reciprocal trade measures is expected to be revived as a consequence of the abnormal trade conditions. Otherwise the foreign countries, it is suggested, will impose retaliatory tariffs and America will not be able to sell abroad in free competition with other countries which do not impose high tariffs.

New Alignment Likely.

Moreover, a new alignment may be looked for when the Forney tariff bill just reported in the house of representatives gets over to the senate. Instead of finding a natural Democratic and Republican division, the prospects are that the Eastern Republicans representing large manufacturing and banking communities will have a different viewpoint from that of the agricultural West and South. There is no certainty that any tariff measure could be passed in the present senate, where the Republican majority is slender, but a coalition of West and South, such as passed the recent resolution reviving the War Finance corporation, is, of course, possible. But the Southern senators are divided on the tariff question and the Forney measure may remain the popgun effort of only one house instead of congress as a whole in any event. On public an rest assured that nothing vital on the subject of tariff revision will be done until a special session of congress is convened by President-elect Harding.

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Former Emperor's Christmas Saddened

DOORN, Holland, Dec. 25.—The third Christmas of the Hohenzollern family in Holland is less pretentious than last year's celebration at Amersfoort, the condition of the empress and the suicide of Joachim giving the observance more of an air of mourning than celebration. Many telegrams of greeting have been received at Doorn, where the duchess of Brunswick and the former Crown Prince Frederick William will stay with their parents until after New Year's.

Hero-Cardinal Sends Message

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Christmas greetings from Cardinal Mercier of Belgium and Lucien of Rheims to the American public were received here at headquarters of the Knights of Columbus.

Cardinal Mercier said support of his reconstruction fund by Americans had provided Belgium with a happier Christmas than it otherwise could have had. Cardinal Lucien declared the recent Knights of Columbus pilgrimage would remain one of the most striking olive branches of Rheims.

BANK GIVES BONUS.
Employees of the Commercial Trust and Savings bank were given bonuses amounting to 14 per cent of their yearly salaries Friday, by order of the bank.

Djuka's Santa Claus

By James Gabelle

"Wetchea goin' to git Christmas?"

Mamie Mastel asked her new friend, Djuka Vukelic, the lame Croatian girl, as they sat on the curb with the Patch in the distance. "Wot is Sandy Claus goin' to bring you?"

"I never gits nothin' Kerasomoe, for who is dis Sandy Claus? Comes he from off a chob at the lever?"

"Well, of all the greenies! You didn't know nothin' about Thanksgiving an' now you've never even heard of Sandy Claus. He comes every Kristmases in a big sled an' four little horses with trees for horns, an' he gives dollies to good little girls."

"Oh," said Djuka, disappointedly. "Only dollies? I don't want none. I have my Jedva got."

"An' candy, an' oranges, an' apples, an' cakes, an' Noah's ark, an' dollies, buggies, an' dollies' dishes."

"So," said Djuka, greatly impressed. She had tasted candy. Mamie had often given her some. Djuka had learned many things since she had got acquainted with her. "So," she repeated, "I know nothink about no Noah's ark, but Jedva, my dollie, she fine to make glads over dishes. For where this Sandy Claus work?"

"I dunno," Mamie replied vaguely. "He's rich I guess, an' fat, an' comes down chimbleys. I seen him once at the mission. For you think for really sure dis Sandy Claus comes from my house by the chimney down?"

"Sure!" replied the other without a moment's hesitation. "Sure he'll come if you're good. He don't never come to bad girls or boys—just the good ones. Say, ain't you feelin' any better?"

Djuka shook her head despondently. "No. It could be to hurt so much. All the times when I sleep I wake up in pain. For you say all the times talk foolishness."

"Poor kid," Mamie said softly. "Poor kid."

Becomes Model.

Djuka became a model of goodness. Never cross, she exerted herself to become the model Santa Claus would give her. When her pain grew so very bad she would go outside, in spite of the cold, and cry softly to herself so as not to disturb the others. In spite of her constant suffering her face grew brighter and more cheerful as Christmas neared. Her mother noticed and commented on it. "Yes," Djuka confessed shyly. She never knew what to say, for her mother's stroke was quick and her hand hard. "Yes, I have glads for that Sandy Claus comes from the chimney down and brings a wishy dress for Jedva and some dishes."

"Think shame on you, you says. It is that no one comes from the chimney down. For you say all the times talk foolishness."

Djuka did not reply to her mother—it would not have been wise. It was the impudent golden secret to her brothers and sisters, who became an eager for information as she had been—all but the oldest. He was noncommittal, though somewhat inclined to the "show-me" attitude.

Santa Claus had never visited the Patch before, which was a great oversight on his part. Why, they did not know and determined to find out. Rev. Amos Brown, the head of the mission, was everybody's friend; so one day when he was passing he picked up courage and asked him. By dint of much questioning he gleaned all the beautiful story from them. Their eyes shone like stars when he assured them that he knew positively Santa Claus would visit the Patch. His eyes, too, had a strange light in them when he said it, and a strange lump came into his throat as he saw the pitiful little figure hobble away, joy in every movement.

"The Goodfellows will help them, I know," he said huskily to himself, then bowing his head continued reverently. "Thank God for the Goodfellows."

Children Excited.

Christmas Eve the Vukelic children hung their stockings up near the stove in fear and trembling. They

could scarcely close their eyes and insisted upon peering out every little while to see if Santa Claus had come yet, but tired nature had her way at last, and they slept the sleep of innocence.

When they awoke it was to sorrow and disappointment. There was no sign of him anywhere. The younger ones, except Djuka, began to cry, and received a sound box on the ears from their mother, at which they fled all the more. To Djuka the sorrow back to her fight—she was disappointed too great for words. All day long she carried Jedva with her and many times talked low and lovingly to the poor, creaked little figure that lay in her arms. Djuka was not disappointed so much for herself as for Jedva.

"Sandy Claus forgot to bring nice dress for you, Jedva," she said kissing the creaked face lovingly. "But I have glads that you are lovin' mit me and you make glads that I am lovin' mit you. Your mother hits you so hard you lose arm and leg den she don't have no more lovin' mit you and throw you away. Den you come to me and all the times I have lovin' mit you. Ve both togodder Jedva work. For us all times suffers mit hurts."

Many times that sad Christmas day she kissed the creaked face and pressed the poor, dilapidated doll to her heart. Jedva never lost her smile. "Djuka was greatly comforted thereby."

Knock at Door.

Shortly after the disappointed children had gone to bed Christmas night the came a knock at the door. Mrs. Vukelic thinking it was Mother Cecovitch, called out in Croatian, "Come in!"

The door did not open, for some there came another knock—louder, more insistent than before. Wondering and a little frightened, Mrs. Vukelic admitted the visitor, then she started back with a gasp, for it was Santa Claus himself that stood before them with a big bundle over his shoulders. The children sat up in eager haste. Djuka forgetting her pain and leaving her creaked, shining eyes and twitching hands. Outside could be heard the jingle of sleigh bells and Djuka fancied she could see his sleigh and even the little horses with the trees for heads. She was supremely, blissfully happy. He was just as the pictures showed him—ed clothes, trimmed with white, long white beard and a round, red jolly looking face.

"I was very busy and one of my reindeer hurt his feet so I couldn't get around last night, so I hope you will forgive me," he said as he dived into his pack.

They were too surprised to speak, but watched with fascinated eyes as he handed Mother Vukelic a fine, plump chicken and a large ham. Papa Vukelic got a pair of woolen gloves, Michael a "really for sure" horse that ran on four wheels, Melovan, a pocket knife, Stepan, a drum and whistle, and Sofia, a woolly lamb and doll, and all received oranges, nuts, candy, pop corn and figs and dates as well as beautifully colored cakes. They were speechless with joy, but when he came to Djuka she received all these and a blue, green and gold cup, a stove, a big brown Teddy Bear, a lovely blue and white dress, just the thing for Jedva, and then—oh, then, a set of doll dishes in a "really for sure" cupboard, and as an afterthought, he placed a Noah's ark upon her bed and after depositing a list of groceries on the table, he departed before they could recover from their astonishment.

I knowed Sandy Claus would come," Djuka cried, laughing through her tears. "I knowed he would come."

At the mission they had to wait so long for the Rev. Amos Brown, who was to act as Santa Claus, that his congregation became impatient; but when he did come there was a glow of happiness upon his face and a light in his eyes as of one who walked with God.

FOUR MEN DROWNED WHEN DREDGE SINKS

FLORENCE, Ala., Dec. 25.—T. F. O'Neil, foreman, and three carpenters were drowned in the Tennessee river at Wilson dam when the dredge they were repairing broke from its anchors and crashed into the concrete dam, overturning.

Seven men were at work on the dredge, but three of them escaped. Besides the foreman only one of the missing men is known positively by name. He is T. J. Matheny, who came here recently from Henryville, Tenn., seeking parties in boats and carrying the flag in an effort to recover the bodies.

Hula-Hula Skirt? Ruth Picks One Out Of The Ocean

Ruth Roland, movie star, wanted a hula-hula skirt one day but the high cost of the necessary grass batted her until she had a brilliant idea. So she just took a dip and came up with the skirt—so the camera man says.

Ruth Roland and her hula garb.

Who'll Take Jean Out On Her Water Sled? Don't Crowd

JEAN HOPE. The thing that looks like a post is her new water sled.



JEAN HOPE, one of the famous water sprites of Los Angeles, is just hanging around waiting for some nice person to come along in a nice motor boat so she can "get a hitch."

She has her water sled all ready, her very best bathing suit on now, and she needs is the obliging motorboat.

Exonerate Four After Probe Of Actresses' Deaths

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The grand jury exonerated Michael J. Cox, Lawrence and Harry Gorgenson and Marcus Blumberg, who were held in connection with the death of Marie Ramey and Lillian Thompson, actresses, whose bodies were found in Grant Park, Nov. 14. The four men had been on a joy ride which ended when the women were left in Grant park. A coroner's jury found that the women died from alcoholism and exposure.

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Modern Santa In Plane Drops Dolls

RIDGEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 25.—Santa Claus came out of the clouds and circled low before assembled hundreds of children who could see the pink of his cheeks and the whirl of his whiskers as his airplane cut "sideways" in the air here today. Then he dropped dolls and toys to them, which floated down to earth in miniature parachutes.

Santa Claus' trip was arranged by the Christmas Tree Association of Ridgewood. Harry Nixon, of Patterson, piloted Harry Roulere here as the "holiday saint of Ridgewood."

MUCH LIQUOR SEIZED IN RAID ON HOTEL

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Dec. 25.—Both sides of a hotel here, situated partly in Vermont and partly in Canada, were raided simultaneously. The American officers had no luck, but the Canadians said they found a whole open bar doing a thriving business in the part of the house in Canada and seized liquors valued at \$3,000.

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Elected To House By Record Vote

ARTHUR M. FREE.

Final figures show that Arthur M. Free of the Eighth congressional district of California, a Republican, was elected by the greatest majority ever given a candidate for congress in his district. He is a resident of San Jose, Cal., and was formerly district attorney of Santa Clara county.

IDAHO SENATOR QUILTS HIS POST

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 25.—A special dispatch from Washington to the Spokesman-Bulletin last night says Senator John F. Nugent of Idaho telegraphed his resignation as a United States senator to Gov. Davidson.

On that date Senator Nugent stepped into office as a member of the federal trade commission to which he was appointed a few days ago by President Wilson.

It is understood that Frank J. Gooding, elected to succeed Senator Nugent, will be appointed.

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